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1. France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand

Special, 1991

Introduction

Fondation France Libertés ("France Libertés") was created by Danielle Mitterrand in 1986. Recognized as a non-profit association, France Libertés has undertaken the mission of defending human rights and the common good. Since its establishment, France Libertés has supported resistance on the part of oppressed peoples and persons, minorities not represented by States and those who do not have a say.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation endeavours to ensure that human rights are recognized and respected throughout the world. To that end, France Libertés is committed to supporting field initiatives conducive to solutions and change, advocating the realization of human rights and raising awareness through education, information and citizen mobilization.

Significant changes in the organization

The Board of Directors of France Libertés has elected a new president of the foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Supported by partners throughout the world, France Libertés communicates to the Human Rights Council, the special rapporteurs and other members of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights its concerns over grave violations of or threats to human rights. In the framework of the United Nations, France Libertés encourages systematic dialogue aimed at advocacy through cooperation (participation in and organization of parallel events, written statements, organization of meetings between civil society and experts, and meetings with high-level representatives of States), and acts as a dynamic source of specific and realistic solutions proposed to public authorities and international organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the period 2011-2014, France Libertés participated in all Human Rights Council sessions, save for the seventeenth, in Geneva, Switzerland. A number of written and oral statements were presented and various parallel events organized on such topics as biopiracy, world governance in the area of migration, major dams, the right to consultation, shale gas, indigenous people's right to land, territories and resources, the right to water, and the situation in refugee camps in Iraq. The events concerned, inter alia, Peru, Romania, Uganda, Western Sahara, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chile, Brazil, Tibet, an autonomous region of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Iraq, and Morocco.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation has consistently maintained contact with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and with the

special procedures of the Human Rights Council, with whose experts it cooperates closely, transmitting to them reliable information received from organizations on the ground and replies to questionnaires distributed by certain rapporteurs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The foundation focuses on poverty reduction and environmental protection through support for field projects that pursue relevant goals (defence and promotion of the right to water, and protection of water resources from extractive activities) or through awareness-raising and advocacy activities at the French, international and United Nations levels.

2. Free Africa Foundation (Ghana)

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Free Africa Foundation (FAF) is a non-partisan organization created to alleviate poverty and improve the quality of life on the African continent.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FAF aims to free Africans from intellectual bondage, empower them to take charge of their own destiny and devise African-based solutions to Africa's problems; advocate and safeguard intellectual, political, economic and religious freedoms; resist the imposition of alien ideologies and systems on Africa; and provide an "African input" in international fora and in the formulation of Western (aid) policies toward Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation carried out awareness raising campaigns on malaria control and eradication, and dyslexia. FAF signed a memorandum of understanding with the Yankee Charitable Organization to work for community development; provide good drinking water to needy communities in parts of rural Accra; and create boreholes in needy areas in the Central Region of Ghana. The Foundation provided older persons and orphans with new sewing materials and money to be used for tailoring activities. The Foundation also engaged in food distribution to raise the nutritional level of community members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Free Africa Foundation contributed to the achievement of MDGs 2 and 4 by organizing free vocational classes for pupils in primaries 1 to 6, while pregnant women received family planning education. FAF has been instrumental in ensuring that every child in its catchment areas attends school. The organization has implemented a feeding grant that pays for school lunches. FAF also has collaborated with Yankee Charitable Organization to ensure mother and child are safe during birth.

3. International Confederation for Family Support

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Confederation for Family Support (CIAF) collaborates with autonomous member organizations in support of women, children and the family. It was established in 1995 and is based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It has 1,004 autonomous centres in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eradicate poverty and promote children, women and families as the basis of society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIAF is training new social leaders to start centres in their respective communities to address malnutrition, drop-out rates, drug use, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, violence, trafficking of children and human organs, prostitution, child labour, and other forms of exploitation and abuse. The organization also commemorates annually the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the International Day of Older Persons in all its centres.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, CIAF representatives attended the annual Operational Activities segment of the Economic and Social Council in February and the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in March.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. International Family Therapy Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) is a professional association for marriage and family therapists.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFTA convenes international conferences to promote, strengthen and improve the quality of family therapy and the quality of relationships within families. IFTA, working with other professionals and organizations around the world, also promotes continuing education in the development of international quality standards for marriage and family therapists in order that they may better assist families in the communities in which they serve.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFTA organized the World Family Therapy Congress every year, which sees the participation of over 300 delegates from over 25 countries. It also founded the semi-autonomous International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education to assist in developing world standards for family therapy training programmes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended several meetings regarding health crises in the world held by various United Nations agencies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the organization's work focused on improving family life but were directly related to the MDGs.

5. International Institute of Humanitarian Law

Special, 1983

Introduction

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law was founded in 1970. Its headquarters are in Sanremo, Italy, and it has a liaison office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of the Institute is to promote and educate on international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law and related issues applicable to armed conflict on land, air and sea. It has a well-developed training programme for military personnel, lawyers, government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties. The Institute also promotes research and publishes findings of new developments in its field of work. The Institute demonstrates how humanitarian, human rights and refugee law are all interrelated and inter-dependent.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, the Institute organizes basic and advanced training courses in the field of international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law, and migration law for military personnel, government officials, diplomats, experts, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and students from all over the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute takes part regularly at the sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council and at meetings organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 1982 the Institute has had productive cooperation with the UNHCR.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation

Special, 1999

Introduction

Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation (JFOR), "Nihon Yuwa-kai" in Japanese, is a peace advocacy organization that works in cooperation with the National Christian Council in Japan (NCC) and others towards peace through various non-violent actions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

JFOR aims at realising peace in the world through non-violent methods. It sponsors discussion meetings on peace-keeping topics and holds monthly lectures and annual assembly meetings in various parts of the country.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JFOR submitted alternate reports on discrimination against foreign children in Japan, namely The right to education of Foreign Children and the Japanese education laws and on Restoration of the Human Dignity of Surviving Victims of the Comfort Women System, Japan, to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) Pre-Sessional Working Group 49th Session, 21-25 May 2012, and to the 50th Session of the Committee, 29 April-17 May 2013. JFOR also submitted reports on the legal responsibility of the Japanese government to compensate the victims of the Military Sexual Slavery "Comfort Women", and on Discrimination against Foreign Children on the Rights to Compulsory Education to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) 111th Session, 7-25 July 2014. JFOR has been advocating for the Japanese Government to ratify the First Optional Protocol of the ICCPR as a matter of priority.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in CESCR's Pre-Sessional Working Group 48th Session, 21-25 May 2012 and 50th Session, 29 April-17 May 2013. It also participated in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 111th Session, 7-25 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Kids Can Free the Children

Special, 2003

Introduction

Kids Can Free the Children (KCFTC) is an international children's charity and educational partner founded in 1995. KCFTC's projects operate in eight countries across Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization operates collaborative programmes designed to educate and empower young people. KCFTC partners with communities to implement Adopt a Village, a holistic, five-pillar development model designed to achieve sustainable change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KCTFC works to improve the lives of poor people, conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy; encourage respect for human rights and freedoms; and ensure that the communities in which it operates have access to clean drinking water, comprehensive healthcare, quality education and income generating opportunities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

KCFTC has worked extensively with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KCFTC has developed curricular resources to educate young people on the MDGs. The organization supports MDG 1 through a holistic development model that creates systemic change in marginalised rural communities around the world. KCFTC has contributed to MDG 2 by providing access to education, with more than 1,000 schoolrooms built in partner communities, giving 200,000 children the opportunity to gain an education. KCFTC works in support of MDG 3 to ensure that girls receive equal access to education and reduce the barriers that prevent girls from attending school. It also works with women's groups to provide coaching and mentorship in the areas of literacy and basic skills training, micro-business development, numeracy, and business training. KCFTC also works in support of MDG 4 with health care centres to support the communities in which it operates. In the Republic of Kenya, for example, KCFTC has provided health care to over 48,000 people. The maternity wing at Baraka Health Clinic has provided more than 3,000 mothers with pre- and post-natal care, including ultrasound and diagnostic services, and has helped deliver over 300 babies.

8. Medical Women's International Association

Special, 1987

Introduction

The Medical Women's International Association is an association of medical doctors founded in 1919 in New York City, United States of America, to ensure gender equality for medical school admission and equal pay for equal work.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to offer women in medicine the opportunity to develop cooperative friendships and networks around issues related to health and well-being and overcome gender-related differences in health, healthcare and in the medical profession.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its website and quarterly newsletter, MWIA publicises the work of the United Nations to its members and advocates on gender equality, gender-based violence and on ongoing and emerging issues in reproductive and women's health such as female genital mutilation, female genital cosmetic surgery and safe motherhood initiatives. MWIA lends its voice to the Every Woman Every Child and the HeforShe gender equality initiatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MWIA hosts and participates annually in various panels at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions and the Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conferences. MWIA representatives attend the annual United Nations General Assembly General debate and serve as expert panellists in various events throughout the year.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MWIA has worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to advance empowerment of women at the national level. MWIA is an active DPI-NGO member, attending weekly briefings, the annual conference and participating in panels. A work plan has been developed with the World Health Organization (WHO) to include the Safe Childbirth Checklist, eliminating gender-based violence and advocating for access to surgery and evidence based treatment for adolescents.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of MDG 5, MWIA has partnered with Zonta International and the Rotary Club of Australia to provide safe birthing kits and ultrasound machines to countries in need, and is actively involved in the Safe Childbirth Checklist being developed by WHO.

9. Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC) is an international human rights organization that operates across Europe and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MDAC uses the law to achieve equality, inclusion and justice for people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. MDAC's vision is a world where emotional, mental and learning differences are valued equally; where the inherent autonomy and dignity of each person is fully respected; and where human rights are realised for all persons without discrimination of any form.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MDAC regularly contributed to the work of the United Nations in a number of ways, including through:

- Submitting alternative reports, often in collaboration with national coalitions of NGOs and disabled peoples' organizations (DPOs) to United Nations Treaty Bodies;
- Submitting responses to consultations of Treaty Bodies, in particular the work of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- Providing contributions to the Universal Periodic Review on the Republic of Croatia;
- Briefing to the United Nations Committee Against Torture regarding issues including institutionalisation, involuntary hospitalisation, forced treatment and the use of coercive practices in psychiatry; and
- Starting a major European wide project on developing access to justice indicators related to Article 13 of the CRPD in respect of children with mental disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 5th session of the CRPD Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, April 2011, where it launched a 60-page publication entitled "Building the Architecture of Change: Guidelines on Article 33 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". It participated in the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD in New York, September 2011. It took part in the Pre-Sessional Working Group of the United Nations Committee on the CRPD, providing written and oral information regarding the Czech Republic's compliance with the Convention, 7-10 October 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was grantee of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. It undertook an extensive research and monitoring project, with a report to be released in 2015, on the human rights of people with mental disabilities in the Republic of Moldova, in collaboration with the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights. It provided information and briefings to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights with respect to a country mission to the Republic of Moldova in September 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization advocated for inclusive and free primary education for children with disabilities, particular in Central and Eastern Europe. It promoted gender equality and the empowerment of women with disabilities in the Republic of Moldova, including through monitoring conditions in psychiatric hospitals, providing information on sexual and reproductive rights to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and training women with disabilities to undertake systematic human rights monitoring.

10. Temple of Understanding

Special, 1995

Introduction

Temple of Understanding (ToU) is one of oldest interfaith organizations in the United States of America, currently working on environmental, women's and educational issues. For 50 years, the ToU has partnered with organizations on such issues as human rights, ecological justice and religious understanding.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ToU aims to foster peace through education and interfaith understanding about religious difference, and building a sustainable future through interfaith cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

ToU has moved its headquarters to the Church Center at the United Nations, New York.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ToU speaks about the work of the United Nations at the diverse conferences and network events its representatives attend.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ToU holds side events at the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and sponsors speaker series. ToU contributes to the United Nations' annual Interfaith Harmony Week events and participates in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York. ToU offered two side events at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012. ToU offered interventions to the United Nations Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals at the 10th and 12th Session, 2 April 2014 and 16-20 June 2014. ToU continues to work actively on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals through participation in the Women's Major Group and collaborates with other NGOs and the Youth and Indigenous Peoples Major Groups.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have spoken at ToU events. ToU has served as an invited speaker at the President of the General Assembly's Thematic Debate on "Water, Sanitation and Sustainable Energy in the Post-2015 Development Agenda", 18-19 February 2014, and on the drafting team for the outcome document of 2015 and Beyond: the 65th annual Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014. UNEP invited ToU to develop programming for their annual Earth day, and to speak to civil society in preparation for the Rio+20 Conference.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ToU works primarily on MDGs 2, 3 and 7. The organization's work on education has included academic year-long teaching on non-violence in the public schools, culminating in a full day seminar at the United Nations, and similar teaching on environmental issues. The internship programme is also a unique educational effort. Other educational work is geared towards adults around issues of religious diversity and understanding, and environmental issues. ToU's work on women's empowerment includes active participation in the Women's Major Group as well as annual participation and presentations at the CSW.

11. Ukrainian World Congress

Special, 2003

Introduction

Founded in 1967, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora, representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians. The UWC has member organizations in 34 countries and ties with Ukrainians in 14 additional countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UWC aims to promote the solidarity and represent the interests of Ukrainian people throughout the world; promote democracy and human rights around the world, including monitoring democratic processes; and cooperate with governments, nations, organizations, and individuals, to accomplish the above goals in the spirit of peace, freedom, equality and justice.

Significant changes in the organization

The UWC established the UWC Mission to Ukraine in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UWC has focused on the protection and defence of human and national minority rights; inviolability of state borders; promotion of democracy; monitoring of Presidential and Parliamentary elections; humanitarian aid to Ukraine; international recognition of the Holodomor; and the fight against human trafficking. The UWC

annually marks Human Rights Day and welcomed the first United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The organization also hosted events at the United Nations headquarters in New York with Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UWC participated in a session of the United Nations Security Council, 13 March 2014, as well as a press briefing to address the developments in Ukraine, particularly in Crimea, 14 March 2014. UWC also co-sponsored a Roundtable at the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The UWC has promoted fundamental freedoms and human rights, with various United Nations entities and Permanent Missions to the United Nations. The UWC President has had meetings with senior United Nations officials in New York and Vienna, Austria, to discuss the situation in Ukraine and the need for the international community to ensure full adherence by all its member states to the Charter of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The UWC contributed humanitarian and medical supplies to Ukraine.

12. UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

Special, 2007

Introduction

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Centre of Catalonia (Unescocat) was created in 1984 to bring UNESCO to Catalonia and Catalan language and culture to UNESCO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre aims to be a reference in managing diversity and is committed to human rights, the culture of peace, cultural plurality, biodiversity and dialogue between cultures. Unescocat works at "building bridges, breaking boundaries" in Catalonia, the Mediterranean and among intergovernmental platforms, through innovative, interdisciplinary action based on the principles of sustainable development, social cohesion, national identity and promoting democracy.

Significant changes in the organization

Between 2010 and 2012, the Centre launched three new initiatives: a UNESCO Training School, a UNESCO Centre of Catalonia Award and an Observatory.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre contributed to debates, workshops, conferences and round table discussions on sustainable development, education, human rights, interfaith dialogue, linguistic diversity, heritage, and the translation and publication of 42 United Nations related documents.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 36th UNESCO General Conference, Paris, France, 25 October-10 November 2011;
- United Nations Alliance of Civilization Group of Friends meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, 8-9 November 2011; and
- UNESCO Forum "Teaching today" and UNESCO-Hamdan Prize, Paris, 6-7 October 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has a cooperation agreement with UNESCO and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). Activities included expert seminars on "Urban Policies and Creative Practices for Migrants", 28-29 April 2011, and support to the International Coalition of Cities. Unescocat also contributed to the presentation of UNESCO Policy Guidelines for Mobile Learning in Barcelona, Spain, with UNESCO and Foundation Jaume Bofill, 23 September 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Un Techo Para Mi País

Special, 2011

Introduction

Un Techo para mi País (TECHO) is a youth-led organization present in 19 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

TECHO seeks to overcome poverty in slums through the joint effort of families living in extreme poverty working with youth volunteers and through community development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

TECHO's activities are related to poverty reduction, education and training; housing and shelter; social inclusion; and promotion of youth development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, 1-10 February 2012;
- 1st Forum on Affordable Housing, organized by Habitat for Humanity together with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) to identify solutions for urban challenges in Latin America in 2012;
- 25th regular session of the Human Rights Council to discuss urban challenges in Latin America, Geneva, Switzerland, 3-28 March 2014, during which it organized the side event "Poverty, Exclusion and the Right of Housing in Latin America"; and
- 7th World Urban Forum organized by UN-Habitat, Medellín, Colombia, 5-11 April 2014.

In addition, it organized the 1st Forum: Habitat and Poverty Reduction together with UN-Habitat and Habitat for Humanity to analyse the inequality in cities in Colombia, 10 October 2014, Bogotá, Colombia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations entities in the following ways:

- It contributed to publications of "Las voces de los adolescentes en villas y asentamientos en Buenos Aires" in 2013, with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and of "La pobreza en San Salvador. Desde la mirada de sus protagonistas" with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2014;
- It signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP) in 2011;
- It received funds from UN-Habitat to implement a skills training programme in Argentina in 2011;
- The Dubai Municipality and UN-Habitat awarded TECHO with the "Dubai International Award for Best Practices (Best Practice Transfer)", 2012;
- It received funds from UN-Habitat to implement a skills training and personal, labour and business strengthening programme for 50 young people from 16 slums in Montevideo, Uruguay, 2012; and
- The United Nations Democracy Fund supported TECHO in the celebration of the 1st Latin America Community Leaders Conference to promote the exchange of experience among community leaders in Latin America and to build a strong Latin American identity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

TECHO has contributed to MDG 1 in the 19 countries where the organization operates through the activities mentioned above. Additionally, TECHO participated in the World Day for Overcoming Poverty in October annually during the reporting period.

14. Union for International Cancer Control

Special, 2011

Introduction

Founded in 1933 and based in Geneva, Switzerland, the Union for International Cancer Control's (UICC) membership of over 800 organizations across 155 countries, features the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health, research institutes and patient groups tackling the growing cancer crisis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UICC's mission is to "unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda". UICC is committed to delivering the targets of the World Cancer Declaration by 2025 by taking the lead in: convening the global cancer control community; advocating and putting cancer on the global health agenda; and coordinating high-impact global capacity building projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance and throughout 2011-2014, worked with the Alliance to position cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the post-2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UICC Representatives attended the following meetings:

- Civil Society Interactive Hearing on NCDs, New York, 16 June 2011;
- High-level Meeting on Prevention and Control of NCDs, New York, 19-20 September 2011, where UICC delivered the opening address on behalf of civil society;
- Informal interactive hearing with NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on the prevention and control of NCDs, New York, 19 June 2014; and
- the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to undertake the comprehensive review and assessment of the 2011 Political Declaration on

NCDs, New York, 10-11 July 2014, where UICC's President delivered the opening address on behalf of civil society.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

A joint three-year programme of work (2015-17) has been approved between UICC and the World Health Organization (WHO). In 2014, UICC became an NGO partner of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In 2014, UICC renewed its strategic partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy. UICC organized an annual World Cancer Leaders' Summit, co-hosted by the WHO, the IAEA and the International Agency for Research and Cancer. In 2014, UICC reviewed drafts of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Facts for Life publication, and coordinated input from across the NCD Alliance membership. Launched in July 2011, the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development is a multi-partner initiative led by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, including the WHO, UICC and over 20 other leading international and regional organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2011 to 2014, a number of UICC's activities supported achievement of MDGs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

- Increasing access to cervical cancer prevention, screening and treatment;
- Raising awareness of, and implementing programmes to address the disparities in access to diagnosis, treatment and care for childhood cancer;
- Increasing access to vaccinations to address cancer-causing infections; and
- Building the capacity of countries to respond to cancer.

15. Union Internationale des avocats

Special, 1971

Introduction

The International Union of Lawyers (UIA) is a professional legal association dedicated to human rights, the rule of law and the pursuit of peace. UIA brings together approximately two million lawyers from more than 120 countries. Its members also include judges, law students and teachers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UIA aims to promote professional excellence through seminars, training sessions and other events; establish business contacts among event participants and colleagues; defend the cause of lawyers who may be pressured or threatened; and speak out against hindrances to the proper functioning of the justice system and legally instituted bar associations.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2014, the UIA modified three articles of its Statutes in order to advance gender equality within the UIA.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UIA organizes annual congresses, seminars, and training sessions to advance the rule of law. A UIA representative serves as Coalition Team Leader working on the provision for the crime of aggression under the Rome Statute. The organization participates in the World Justice Project. It acts on behalf of the human rights of lawyers and other human rights defenders and supports due process rights. It also focuses on access to justice and corporate responsibility topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During 2011-2014, the UIA attended the following meetings:

- 55th-58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- 19th-21st sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD); CSD-19 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM); CSD Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) II; the third Intersessional Meeting on Sustainable Development, as well as the Preparatory Meeting;
- 2nd Preparatory and 2nd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); and the 1st-3rd Informal Negotiations on the Zero Draft outcome document in preparation for Rio+20;
- 10th Session of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the 2nd Meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the 13th Session of the OWG on the SDGs;
- United Nations Commission on International Trade law (UNCITRAL) meetings, including several sessions of Working Groups II-V and its 47th session;
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law, 2012;
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 2013; and
- High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2014, the UIA organized a joint seminar with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in Turin, Italy, on the topic of "The Defence in International Criminal Law". In May 2014, the UIA organized a Bar Leaders' Briefing at United Nations headquarters, New York, with 171 participants from 32 countries attending.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

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1. Union internationale des voyageurs

Special, 2011

Introduction

Union Internationale des Voyageurs (UIV) keeps children and travellers safe by promoting evidence-based injury prevention interventions and continuing to pursue the development of transport infrastructure and improve the delivery of services in collaboration with governments, organizations, and United Nations entities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In order to create an accessible, affordable, reliable, effective and efficient transport system that meets user needs, UIV aims to ensure the provision, expansion and maintenance of transport infrastructure and services and to enhance the use of new technology that will strengthen the institutional capacity to facilitate the implementation of transport sector programmes and projects. UIV further wants to integrate land use, transport planning, development planning and service provision and aims to review, develop and strengthen the appropriate legal, environmental and regulatory framework that will ensure an efficient transport system and encourage and promote Public Private Partnerships (PPP).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the work of the United Nations:

- Campaign to eliminate high transport costs, school fee problems and violence against children;
- Advocacy work for the integration of issues of road safety and transportation with wider public health and environmental issues. Establishment of a broad coalition supporting road injury prevention and strengthening the appropriate legal, environmental and regulatory framework that will ensure an efficient transport system in deprived areas; and
- With the support by the government of Ghana, provision of funding opportunities that will be established to support transportation and road safety by creating solidarity for members of the association.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UIV developed and implemented a comprehensive and integrated transportation policy addressing the needs of school children toward MDG 2.

2. Union nationale des femmes marocaines

Special, 1999

Introduction

Union Nationale des Femmes Marocaines (UNFM), a public-interest association founded in 1969, has 70 regional associations, 350 apprenticeship centres, 7 vocational training centres and 27 counselling centres.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of UNFM is to improve the situation of women in all social and economic areas in order to enable women to take advantage of all material and moral resources.

Significant changes in the organization

Union Nationale des Femmes Marocaines has changed its governance structures and scope. The new name of UNFM is Union Nationale des Femmes du Maroc, so as to include non-Moroccan women living in Morocco.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNFM signed a framework agreement with the PROGETTOMONDO organization whose purpose is to defend human rights and, in particular, to protect the rights of women. In March 2013, UNFM organized an international congress on rural women as development partners with a view to the preparation of a plan of action for following up on MDGs with regard to women through 2025. UNFM launched an international brainstorming event with the participation of civil society representatives from all continents to present a vision of civil society for the post-2015 MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Sixteenth, twentieth and twenty-first regular sessions of the Human Rights Council of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, held at Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February-25 March 2011, 18 June-6 July 2012 and 10-28 September 2012;
- Sixteenth annual conference of Women for Peace in the Middle-East, held on 27-28 June 2012 during the twentieth regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has concluded partnership agreements with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Moreover, it has carried out activities with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNFM, in cooperation with the European Union and the PROGETTOMONDO association, has launched the project "La Force des Femmes" (The Strength of Women), aimed at contributing effectively to the elimination of violence against women, in support of MDG 3. In connection with MDG 8, UNFM has set up African partnership networks for development.

3. Union of International Associations

Special, 1951

Introduction

The Union of International Associations (UIA) was founded in 1907 and registered under Belgian law in 1910. Non-profit, apolitical, independent, and non-governmental in nature, the UIA has been a pioneer in the research, monitoring and provision of information on international organizations, international associations and their global challenges since 1907.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UIA is a platform for global civil society cooperation, collaborating with, providing services to, and promoting international associations. It encourages and facilitates cooperation between international associations, between international associations and the public sector, and between international associations and the private sector, by providing easily accessible, reliable and comprehensive information on global civil society actors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UIA continues to document the evolution and nature of global civil society, as it has done since its founding. The UIA considers its work of collecting and documenting global civil society to be of vital importance to any United Nations activity involving civil society actors.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2008 to 2013, the UIA maintained the civil society database of the NGO Section of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) under a special contract with the organization. UIA maintains (informal) contacts with all other United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. United Cities and Local Governments

General, 1947

Introduction

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage. The global organization has over 255,000 local and regional government members worldwide, as well as 155 local and regional government association members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UCLG's mission is to be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-governments by promoting cooperation between local governments and the wider international community. UCLG supports international cooperation between cities and their associations and facilitates programmes, networks and partnerships to build the capacities of local governments.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As facilitator of the Global Taskforce of local and regional governments for the post-2015 process and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), UCLG has enhanced the representation of local and regional governments at the United Nations in close collaboration with its sister networks, including the Local Authorities Major Group. In recent years, UCLG has actively participated in the post-2015 process, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the Development Cooperation Forum and Habitat III. UCLG publishes triennial reports on the state of local democracy and decentralization (GOLD reports) and position papers on the local impact of most global policy issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;

– United Nations Economic and Social Council Integration Segment on Sustainable Urbanization, New York, 27-29 May 2014; and

– High-level Political Forum on sustainable development, where UCGL defended the importance of localizing the 2030 Agenda, New York, 30 June-9 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UCLG has Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with all relevant United Nations agencies. UCLG was appointed to the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons for the Post-2015 Development Agenda in 2012. UCLG is an active member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) local governments and municipal authorities' constituency and co-leads the Local Authorities Major Group in the Climate Negotiations at the Conference of Parties (COP). UCLG works with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to support the development and implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UCLG led several advocacy campaigns at global and local levels to promote the role of local governments in the achievement of the MDGs, and is currently publishing guides on the post-2015 agenda for local governments.

5. United Help for International Children

Special, 2011

Introduction

United Help for International Children (UHIC) is a Korean NGO incorporated in 2004, whose mission is to make this world better by improving the health of children. UHIC has a strong focus on the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 4.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UHIC's aims to reduce child morbidity, strengthen the immune system of children, and enhance a sense of hygiene and sanitation among residents.

Significant changes in the organization

UHIC's constitution was amended during the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UHIC has invested US$ 811,557 on its projects that comprise operating a health centre, training people, building houses, and buying local products to meet the agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. During the reporting period, UHIC trained keepers to prevent diseases of children under age 10 in remote villages. Through these keepers, UHIC implements childhood health services such as child databases, anti-malaria programmes, and the distribution of vital nutrition.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2011 and 2014, UHIC has contributed to the attainment of MDG 4 in Tanzania through the following projects:

- The operation of the Early Childhood Health Centre, through which 79,413 children were cured; 19 toilets built; 60, 945 residents trained; and 3,947 insecticide mosquito nets distributed.
- The Keeper Project thanks to which 6,485 children were cared for and 4,515 children cured.

6. United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Special, 2011

Introduction

United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM UK) is the legally-recognized voice in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and supports its programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNIFEM UK supports UN Women and its international programmes through fundraising, parliamentary briefings, and awareness-raising.

Significant changes in the organization

When the General Assembly of the United Nations created UN Women in July 2010, all UNIFEM national committees became national committees of UN Women, including UNIFEM UK, which was registered then as UN Women United Kingdom National Committee on 25 June 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNIFEM UK financially supports several initiatives for the empowerment of women, such as UN Women's African Young Women Leadership Programme; UN Women's Cambodia Office programme to improve bamboo handicraft industry to enhance women's economic empowerment and eradicate poverty; and a co-sponsored event with the Sri Lankan Campaign for Peace and Justice to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In 2012, UNIFEM UK launched the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEP) to industry leaders and media and

followed up in 2013 with the establishment of a Corporate Advisory Group of global companies to raise awareness of gender issues and to financially support UN Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNIFEM UK attended the 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and sponsored parallel events, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014. The organization also attended the 22nd Regular Session of Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 22 February-25 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNIFEM UK is continuously working with UN Women on the establishment of UN Women National Committees, awareness-raising events, and the private sector leadership advisory group. The organization further provided US$ 707,850 for UN Women's development programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All the organization's activities and fundraising support MDGs 1 and 3. The organization annually observes International Women's Day, 8 March, and participates in events for 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign, 25 November-10 December.

7. United Nations Association of Russia

General, 1999

Introduction

United Nations Association of Russia (UNA Russia) is an international non-governmental organization, established in 1956.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports the United Nations as defined in the United Nations Charter. In particular, it aims to assist in maintaining peace and security; develop friendly relations and cooperation among nations to solve international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character; and promote and encourage respect for human rights. An important focus of the Association is its youth programme.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNA Russia has hosted conferences with the Ufa Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in 2011 and 2013 on the State and human rights. UNA Russia annually celebrates United Nations Day. On 23 April 2011, UNA Russia

organized a visit of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at MGIMO-University in Russia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNA Russia participated in the following meetings:

- 36th Session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) General Conference, 25 October-10 November 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, 27-28 February 2013, Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNA Russia presented its report "Regions of Russia and the UN Millennium Development Goals — 2011" to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in New York. The 2nd Youth Seminar was successfully co-hosted with UNA-Argentina in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 29 June-1 July 2011. On 15 July 2013, the international multimedia press centre RIA Novosti hosted a meeting of representatives of the United Nations Foundation and the UNA-Russia delegation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In March 2011, the organization wrote a "Letter to the President of the Russian Federation — Rio+20 — The Future We Want". UNA Russia's annual report addressed the regions of Russia and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2012. The annual Moscow International Model United Nations is one of the programmes of the organization. It addressed the MDG agenda during the reporting period.

8. United Nations Association of San Diego

Special, 1999

Introduction

The United Nations Association of San Diego (UNA-USA San Diego), established in 1946, acts as the San Diego Ambassador to the United Nations with its mission to "help the United Nations helping the world".

Aims and purposes of the organization

The San Diego Chapter of the UNA Association focuses on advocacy efforts and education programmes through public events and collaborations based on the United Nations development agenda. The organization acts as San Diego's Ambassador to the United Nations by linking the local community with the United Nations and serving as Policy Research Centre to residents of San Diego, United States of America, on global Issues. Through public events, fundraisers, advocacy

and symposiums, it expands general understanding of global issues and mobilises citizens in order to influence legislation.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization merged with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) in 2009.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNA-USA San Diego founded the local Centre of Policy Research on United Nations and Global Issues. It advocates in support of United Nations funding in San Diego and in Washington DC, United States, and annually celebrates United Nations holidays such as Human Rights Day and United Nations Day with events and high-level guests. The organization hosts Annual Model United Nations in collaboration with universities and Rotary Clubs and holds strong collaborations with local community members and organizations to advocate and educate on the United Nations. It has hosted informal meetings on issues related to the United Nations and has created a local working group on indigenous peoples to stress the diplomatic work of United Nations and call congressional representatives for action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNA-USA San Diego participated in the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013 and 10-21 March 2014;
- 45th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York, 23-27 April 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 September 2013; and
- 13th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 12-23 May 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNA-USA San Diego works closely with the National Commission of the United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the San Diego Balboa Park and supports other United Nations bodies through fundraising and advocacy.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNA-USA San Diego formed the Special Working Group Post-2015 Agenda focusing on the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs. The organization hosted the 1st Civic Consultation on Post-2015 with 85 San Diegans attending. The summarized findings were sent to the United States State Department and the United States Permanent Mission to the United Nations for consideration in September 2015.

9. United Religions Initiative

Special, 2007

Introduction

United Religions Initiative (URI) is a global grassroots interfaith network comprised of 650,000 members that cultivates peace and justice by engaging people to bridge religious and cultural differences and work together for the good of their communities and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

URI works to promote enduring daily interfaith cooperation to end religiously motivated violence and create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

URI programmes routinely engage in interreligious and intercultural dialogue and community actions throughout the world. Examples include the ongoing global campaign "Talking Back To Hate" to address hate speech and the Global Indigenous Gathering in 2014. URI worked with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) to produce the September 2011-2014 annual International Day of Peace Student Observances. URI was instrumental in organizing World Interfaith Harmony Week events annually during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

URI participated in the following meetings:

- 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, and 10-21 March 2014, and held workshops annually highlighting the spiritual empowerment of women and girls.
- High-level Meeting on Youth of the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York, 25-26 July 2011.
- 11th, 12th and 13th Sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 2012-2014, and held a side event, 13 May 2014;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012 and organized two workshops.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As leaders in the NGO community in the Committee of Religious NGOs and Conference of NGOs, URI works with the United Nations agencies in New York, such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). URI Africa supports the urban development movement

and has signed an agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), becoming an associate partner to the World Urban Campaign. Since 2012, URI has been a planning committee member for the High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

URI's ongoing global programming supports MDGs 1, 2 and 7 with distribution of food and school supplies; educational programming; leadership training; promotion of safe drinking water, improved sanitation, proper hygiene; and disaster relief, while promoting and modelling care and dignity for all. URI is working to end female infanticide where it is still accepted at the community level, promoting the dignity and appreciation of all women.

10. United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

The United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation (USAALEF) was formed in 2003 in an effort to assist the Asian-American community in connecting with information and networking relationships with governmental and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States of America and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of USAALEF is to promote a mutual understanding between the Asian American community and all international, national, state and local governments and law enforcement agencies. The organization aims to organize events that foster interaction and provide for the special interests and needs of the varying ethnic communities; provide assistance by securing resources to support leadership and community education; and help strengthen the relationship of the general public with all law enforcement agencies and communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

USAALEF participated and contributed to the United Nations' Global Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives as well as the Open-ended working Group on Ageing with the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

USAALEF participated in the following meetings:

– Global Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC), 31 October 2011, New York;

- Third Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 21-24 August 2012;
- Fifth and sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), 12-14 September 2012, New York;
- 51st session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), 6-15 February 2013; and
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

USAALEF has participated in various and ongoing activities to support the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large, including implementing law enforcement exchange programmes and participating in workshop sessions for public policy and social policy and development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (UTA) works in areas related to education, access to drinking water, and assistance to refugees.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UTA devoted 2011, 2012 and 2013 to active participation in the sessions of the United Nations and to support for various causes, such as assistance to refugees of Balochistan and Palestinian women. Since 2014, the NGO has re-focused its activities on field work.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, the organization's charter was amended to reflect changes to Swiss law. The NGO has concluded partnerships with a number of associations in Africa, the Middle East and Asia and has created various local sections in the form of non-profit associations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information has been provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UTA has participated in the meetings of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, and in all conferences held in the period 2011-2014 regarding the environment and humanitarian action in countries at war.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UTA has developed close cooperation with all United Nations agencies headquartered in Geneva during the period covered by the quadrennial report.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With regard to MDG 1, the NGO has provided assistance to Syrian refugees and to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. With regard to MDG 2, the NGO participates in a preschool education project in Senegal and the establishment of a school for the Syrian refugees. With regard to MDG 3, it participates in a training programme on agriculture for women in Afghanistan. With regard to MDG 7, the NGO participates in a health programme in Nigeria.

12. Univers de solidarité et de développement

Special, 2011

Introduction

Univers de Solidarité et de Développement (UNI.SOL.D) is a non-profit organization dynamically engaged in poverty reduction.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of UNI.SOL.D is to combat poverty by improving the standard of living of the population. To that end, the NGO engages in farming activities, afforestation, assistance to older persons and the poorest, and mobilization of women to create income-generating activities. The NGO seeks to promote solidarity and correspondence among young persons through education, science, culture, sport and leisure.

Significant changes in the organization

There is no change to report.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNI.SOL.D has served as an intermediate between grassroots population groups and the United Nations, sharing the information received with its target public. During the 2012 and 2013 high-level segments of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the Association submitted a statement of solutions to the issues of eliminating illiteracy and attaining the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information has been provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In February 2012, the association cooperated with the United Nations Information Centre in Lome, Togo (UNIC Lome) in setting up United Nations information spaces in high schools. The association also received literacy promotion manuals and training from the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In connection with MDG 2, UNI.SOL.D has carried out two successive classroom construction projects at the public elementary school of Kpalimé, Togo. In the period 2011-2014, approximately one hundred women and men were taught reading and writing in the town of Kpalimé. In connection with MDG 6, since November 2013 the organization has been carrying out a project entitled "HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming" in Kpalimé. Lastly, in connection with MDG 8, a group of children supported by the organization corresponds with children in the town of Roye, France.

13. VAAGDHARA

Special, 2011

Introduction

Voluntary Association for Agriculture, General Development, Health & Reconstruction Alliance (VAAGDHARA) is a non-profit organization, registered under Rajasthan Societies Act 1958 in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association works to benefit the wider tribal community in central India and other similar regions through various development interventions. By 2020, VAAGDHARA plans to develop a tribal junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, India, as a place where children get opportunities for better emotional, physical and educational growth and address issues pertaining to sustainable natural resources management and livelihood in the target area, with a focus on hunger, food sovereignty and access to safe water. VAAGDHARA further wants to build knowledge and promote networking of poor tribal communities to enhance their resilience against climate change and their participation at local, regional, national and international platforms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the work of the organization has significantly contributed to MDGs 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, 26th session the Human Rights Council (HRC) of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland, 27 February-23 March 2012, 18 June-6 July 2012, 10-28 September 2012, 27 May-14 June 2013, 10-17 June 2014. In addition, it organized a side event on "Narratives from Margins: Marginalizing Community envisioning Social Development Agenda" during the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), New York, 21 February 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

To ensure the protection of children's rights in India, VAAGDHARA is working on a project in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to improve the capacities and capabilities of stakeholders and communities to mitigate multiple vulnerabilities tribal children face.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has taken the following initiatives towards the realisation of the MDGs:

- MDG 1 and 7: VAAGDHARA has reached more than 5,000 tribal families for livelihood enhancement through horticulture development, sustainable integrated farming system and micro finance;
- MDG 2: The organization has worked with 15,000 children under the age of five and 1,800 girls to increase the access to quality education in the area of South Rajasthan, India;
- MDG 3: The organization works with 5,000 tribal women (directly or indirectly) through formation of women Self Help Groups; and
- MDG 4 and 5: VAAGDHARA has increased the access to quality health services for 3,000 pregnant women, mothers and children under the age of five in the Banswara district of South Rajasthan.

14. Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen

Special, 2011

Introduction

Founded in 1995, the Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organizationen (VENRO) is an umbrella organization of 120 development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VENRO's central goal is to contribute to a just globalisation with a special emphasis on eradicating global poverty. The organization is committed to implementing human rights and conserving natural resources. It represents the variety of development organizations and acts as a forum where positions and

opinions can be developed. It engages in lobbying and watches and comments on state policies concerning developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In December 2014, the name of the organization was changed to Verband Entwicklungspolitik und Humanitäre Hilfe deutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen e.V. (Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs). The abbreviation (VENRO) remains unchanged.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VENRO develops position papers, organizes conferences and workshops and is in regular dialogue with the German Government on issues such as the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and United Nations climate negotiations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VENRO representatives participated in the following meetings:

- 64th Annual United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, Bonn, Germany, 3-5 September 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, 30 June-9 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VENRO, particularly via its members, cooperates with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat in Bonn.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

VENRO is actively promoting the MDGs and the post-2015 process amongst its member organizations and in the German wider public with its project "Your voice Against Poverty — Development Needs Participation", which started in 2012.

15. Victim Support Europe

Special, 1995

Introduction

Victim Support Europe (VSE) is an umbrella network of 40 national victim support organizations in 26 countries. Founded in 1990, VSE works toward a Europe where every victim of crime has the right to good standards of independent support services and protection of their freedom, security and justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VSE promotes the establishment and development of victim rights and services throughout Europe. VSE works with the European Union and other international and national actors to: change and improve laws and policies on victims of crime; improve victim support services in all European countries; help individuals working with or in contact with victims to improve their services; and ensure that existing European Union obligations are properly implemented in Members States.

Significant changes in the organization

VSE's office was moved to Brussels, Belgium. Since 2013, VSE has been cooperating with victim support organizations from Europe, Asia, North America and Australia to create the new global organization Victims of Crime International (VOCI). Launched in 2014, the mission of VOCI is to catalyse a unified global voice to represent the needs and views of people affected by crime.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Overall, VSE's work contributes to the United Nations tasks on the prevention of crime and the support of victims of crime, including specific groups, e.g. women, children, victims of human trafficking and harmful traditional practices and other vulnerable groups. This work promotes social equalities, access to justice and the rule of law. More specifically, VSE and its members participate in world awareness days relating to crime victimisation such as Elder Abuse Awareness Day or the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VSE has worked in close contact with the organization "Intervict", which is collaborating with the United Nations on the review of the United Nations handbook on Justice for Victims.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Although the MDGs do not specifically focus on victims of crime, VSE's work on preventing violence and supporting victims such as women, children, and other vulnerable groups such as irregular migrants and asylum seekers contributes to MDGs 3 and 4. For example, VSE partners with the European Union on harmful traditional practices, elder abuse in close intimate relationships, improving child friendly justice, and meeting the needs of transgender victims.

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1. Victorious Youths Movement

Special, 2011

Introduction

Victorious Youths Movement (VICYOMO) is based in Limbe, South West of Cameroon. It strives to improve the quality of life of the communities in Africa, through capacity building and advocacy for environmental friendly, sustainable and culturally oriented development policies. It focuses on women, youth, agriculture, human rights, orphans and ethnic communities who are the most hit by poverty in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VICYOMO's main objectives are to implement capacity building projects for youth and women; advocate for environmental safety; fight against HIV/AIDS; and alleviate poverty in Cameroon.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

One of the organization's main activities during the reporting period has been the annual HIV/AIDS sensitisation campaign. Activities included HIV/AIDS screening with the support of private health facilitators who also conducted counselling. Workshops also addressed prevention and reduction of stigmatisation of people infected and affected by the disease.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VICYOMO participated in several international and national conferences, seminars and trainings. Some of these include the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Project Management Course in Dakar, Senegal, March 2011, and the First African Urban Youths Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria, July 2011. The organization was also involved in post-2015 discussions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VICYOMO has cooperated with UN-Habitat during the reporting period. The programme financed a project carried out by the organization entitled "Alleviation of Youth Poverty Through Piggery".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In line with the goal on poverty alleviation, VICYOMO has prioritised society-based projects for the betterment of youth and general rural livelihood. It implemented micro capacity building projects aimed at empowering young Cameroonians with skills in the agricultural and economic domains. Over five hundred youths were trained in piggery management as part of the piggery project carried out in 2012.

2. Viet Nam Family Planning Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

Vietnam Family Planning Association (VINAFPA) was established in Vietnam in 1993. It works nationally on community health care, reproductive health care, sexual health care and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VINAFPA's mandate is to contribute to the improvement of the health status and family welfare of all Vietnamese citizens and protect their rights by providing information, counselling and quality service on sexual and reproductive health, family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates information on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It also advises the government on the issues of reproductive health, family planning, and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 45th, 46th, and 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in New York. It also attended and made a statement at the 26th regular session of the Human Rights Council, 10-27 June 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In line with goal 3, VINAFPA works on the issues of gender equality in the family and the reduction of family and sexual violence. Towards goal 5, VINAFPA has provided information and services to thousands of pregnant women and provided sexual and reproductive health services to thousands of people. VINAFPA has implemented various activities towards the prevention of Sexual Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS towards MDG 6.

3. Vision Welfare Group

Special, 2011

Introduction

Vision Welfare Youth Group (Vision) was established in Kenya in 2004 to support initiatives of youths and strengthen their capacities through trainings and income-generating projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Vision exists to encourage and strengthen collective social, economic, cultural and environmental initiatives developed by youths in the informal settlements through mainstreaming core values such as equity, responsibility and social justice. Vision maximizes its impact through the following strategic objectives: undertaking capacity building for individual youth; engaging in policy advocacy to ensure full participation of youth in national and international issues; gathering and providing information on youth developmental issues; and networking with like-minded organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Vision Welfare Group has held campaigns to fight against drug abuse in Kiambu District of Kenya, working together with the National NGO Council of Kenya, which receives support from a number of United Nations agencies in Kenya. The organization was also active in fighting drug abuse and alcoholism in rural and suburban Kenya. It also held campaigns on violence against women in Central Kenya, in the form of one-on-one counselling.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Vision actively participated in the 6th session of the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), September 2012, Naples, Italy. It took part in the sessions of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2011 and 2013, Nairobi, and actively participated in the plenary and the women and youth caucuses. Vision participated in the Fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Panama, November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Vision has worked with UNODC in campaigns on fight against corruption and drug abuse in Kenya. It has also partnered with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on several initiatives, reports, and campaigns to address challenges faced by women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Vision has worked to empower the youth and women to improve their environmental rights. Through the organization's work, they have gained leadership skills and learned how social organizations are run and managed. Through its support of the work of UN-Habitat, Vision also contributed to the MDG targets of slum upgrading, water and sanitation. It has also contributed to poverty reduction and improvement of the status of women and the opportunities for youth under the umbrella of the MDGs.

4. Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan

Special, 2011

Introduction

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan (VSSU) was established in 1983 to empower distant villages and weaker rural communities in the district of South 24 Parganas in West Bengal, India. VSSU's arena of endeavours encompasses the people whose lives are subjugated by extreme poverty, illiteracy, and disease.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VSSU's mission lies on poverty alleviation and social development through microfinance and employment generation programmes. To achieve its mission, VSSU promotes livelihoods projects among low income families, such as educational programmes, skills training and professional programmes, and sanitation programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VSSU organized the International Brotherhood Conference 2012, 27 September-2 October 2012, that gathered over 50,000 people over a period of six days and covered the following themes: poverty alleviation, human rights, child mortality, education, sustainability, and the environment. Besides the conference, since 2011, VSSU has mostly focused on "Education for All" programmes. It is running 10 nursery schools, 2 junior high and primary schools, and destitute homes for children. VSSU has also developed skill training and vocational training programmes for the youth and women to generate employment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VSSU attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The organization also attended the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, March-December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

VSSU has focused its efforts on education during the reporting period. VSSU International School was established in February 2013. The school educates children from lower Kindergarten to class four and provides subjects such as Bengali, English, Sciences, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Culture and Arts. It also provides transportation so that children from neighbouring villages may also attend. Towards MDG 7, VSSU developed some programmes focused on solar energy, tree plantation and nurseries (300,000 trees planted over 140 kilometres of side road) and an eco-tourism project.

5. Wales Assembly of Women

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Wales Assembly of Women was established in 1984 to provide evidence from Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and take part in activities marking the end of the United Nations Decade for Women (1975-1985).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to fight for women's rights, primarily in Wales, through the promotion of women's human rights. It lobbies the government to help all women in Wales realise a full life. It uses the Beijing Platform for Action to benchmark progress — or lack of progress — in a number of areas and focuses particularly on education, violence and health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates information on the United Nations at large and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in particular. Wales Assembly of Women has held governments and individual ministers of government accountable for failures, relying on United Nations conventions, as well as the Beijing Platform for Action. It also held conferences highlighting the human rights of women as outlined by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Wales Assembly of Women has participated in the annual sessions of the CSW, including by holding joint side events. The organization also attended the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Geneva Regional Consultation on Beijing+20, November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has written Shadow Reports for the United Kingdom's examination before the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization uses the MDGs as part of its strategy on women's rights. In addition, the organization works with other organizations in Wales to focus on education and lobby the government to improve educational opportunities in Wales and decrease the level of child poverty.

6. Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources

Special, 1995

Introduction

Created in 1989, the Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources Inc. (Wittenberg Center) is a publicly supported, non-profit organization, which brings environmental, spiritual, and indigenous leaders together with policy makers with the purpose of creating a sustainable future for generations to come.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Wittenberg Center's purpose is to facilitate a bridging of ancient wisdom with contemporary life. The centre is committed to creating forums for the global dissemination of information on Earth awareness, indigenous cultures, environmental sustainability, human rights, interfaith dialogue, and women's rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Wittenberg Center has facilitated numerous events and programmes for youth, the general public, and a wide variety of change makers and policy makers. It disseminates information and increases awareness through social media and the work of the Alliance of Civilizations. The Wittenberg Center also co-sponsored greetings and arrival ceremonies on the Day of World's Indigenous Peoples for the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign and the Dakota Unity Riders, 9 August 2013, New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the centre has brought many indigenous representatives to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). It has also hosted numerous events during United Nations meetings. In particular, it co-sponsored the "Protect the Sacred All Nations Prayer Ceremony for Mother Earth", in conjunction with UNPFII, 17 May 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Wittenberg Center has participated in the NGO Committee on the United Nations International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples. Activities include annual reports to Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO); outreach to indigenous communities; and participation in and coordination with the Secretariat of the UNPFII. The Wittenberg Center also served on the coordinating committee for The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples in August of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014. The centre has also been a member of and co-sponsored several programmes with the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations and the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Wittenberg Center sponsored the 13th UNPFII side event "Protecting and Restoring Sacred Sites", 13 May 2014, New York, which focused partially on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) mandate to assist Indigenous Peoples in securing safe accessibility to sacred sites for ceremonial use and specific measures to protect ceremonial artefacts.

7. Woïyo Kondeye

Special, 2007

Introduction

Woiyo Kondeye is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in Mali in 1994. It works at the national level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Woiyo Kondeye aims to support the most disadvantaged (rural and urban) communities; to help protect the environment, among other things through forest management and community forestry; and to participate in all national activities to achieve sustainable development and the advancement of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization engages in advocacy with partner networks aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It strives for observance of human rights, especially those of women and girls; climate change mitigation; and peace. The organization also helps to disseminate United Nations instruments, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Security Council resolution 1325.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). It has also participated in United Nations subregional workshops on such topics as AIDS, sexual health, human rights and gender equality, in Dakar, Senegal; Geneva, Switzerland; and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The NGO cooperates with the following bodies, among others:

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in its peace-building and social cohesion programmes;
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with respect to the enrolment of girls in school;
- The World Food Programme (WFP), in the area of food security; and
- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses on famine relief; education; glaring violations of women's and girls' rights during the crisis; environmental protection through agro-ecology projects, access to safe water, small-scale community forestry, and awareness-building regarding climate change; and HIV/AIDS.

8. Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center is a NGO committed to the promotion and protection of women's rights in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aim is to facilitate a re-balancing between men and women in terms of resources, legal rights, participation, and equal social relations, thereby achieving a peaceful society free from all forms of discrimination against women and the girl child.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has started holding the government accountable through legal actions on maternal mortality issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organisation celebrates the International Women's Day with a symbolic walk against rape, domestic violence and maternal mortality. The statement/ demands from the walk are usually submitted to both the executive and legislative arm of government for immediate action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organisation attended and organized side events during the 56th and 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), March 2012 and 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the 2013 and 2014 Women in Parliament Summit. It collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the root cause of gender based violence in Lagos and Ogun State, Nigeria, also got support from UNFPA on the two genders bills before the Ogun State house of Assembly. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) supported the Women's Governance Accountability Platform in Osun State's general elections.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

On MDG 5, the organization is running a project on social and legal action to improve maternal health in Nigeria. Under MDG 3, it worked on the implementation of domestic violence laws in 2 states in Nigeria and organized a Woman in Parliament Summit yearly to politically empower women.

9. Women Against Violence (Europe)

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) is a feminist network with member organizations in 46 European countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WAVE aims to support policy makers and strengthen women's NGOs in their work to support victims of violence against women (VAW) and their children. The purpose of the organization is to bring together various feminist women's movements across Europe to enable more effective cooperation and to gain influence in the fight against VAW.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2011, the network has increased its membership to include 107 member organizations. In May 2014, WAVE became a formal European network, inducing the creation of a Board.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As an implementing partner of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECARO), WAVE supported United Nations efforts to strengthen the capacities of health professionals to identify and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

(EECA). In 2012, WAVE provided written comments on the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) Strategic Plan for 2011-2013. In 2014, WAVE provided technical expertise to the drafting of the Beijing+20 report undertaken by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), as well as technical expertise on the role and core principles of support services at the UNFPA and UN Women global technical consultation on 2-4 December 2014, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, WAVE participated at the annual NGO forum held alongside the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York and hosted several joint parallel events. Further, WAVE attended the following United Nations events, among others, as speakers or facilitators:

- International Conference "Development and Institutionalization of Multisectoral Mechanisms to Counteract Domestic Violence", organized by the UNFPA Office in Belarus, 24-25 September 2014, Minsk, Belarus;
- Regional Meeting "Beijing+20 Regional Review", organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 6-7 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- Regional Conference "Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century", organized by UNECE, 1-2 July 2013, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As an implementing partner of UNFPA EECARO, WAVE partnered with UNFPA to strengthen the capacities of health professionals to identify and respond to GBV in EECA, 2011-2014. This included the development of a comprehensive resource package, as well as the facilitation of six trainings at the regional, sub-regional and country levels for UNFPA staff and local partners in EECA. In 2013, WAVE became a member of the Vienna NGO CSW.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WAVE's work as listed above contributed to the achievement of MDG 3.

10. Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WCCI) was established to solely promote and develop women entrepreneurship in Pakistan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to establish an organization whereby women entrepreneurs belonging to all tiers of society will find a forum to voice their concerns. To accomplish its mission, it aims to arrange monthly trainings on

marketing and selling skills; disseminate information and create awareness through seminars and workshops in cooperation with other organizations; encourage small women owned industries; and encourage new businesses among young women entrepreneurs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WCCI is working on office incubators with Academia. WCCI is an executive board member of the Provincial Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), Punjab, Pakistan. WCCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with First Women Bank for facilitation of Prime Minister's Youth Programme, which is a revolutionary programme for the socio-economic development of youth. WCCI is a member of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Committee of the State Bank for facilitation of access to finance for women entrepreneurs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attends United Nations meetings, trainings and conferences in New York on a regular basis.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on promoting solar cooker technology and value chain analysis in rural areas. It worked with Homenet which is part of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). It conducted World Health Organization (WHO) certified trainings on Dengue. It participated in Polio immunization programmes with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It worked with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for the rehabilitation of displaced women from the Northern areas of the country.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the MDGs:

- The creation of a shop and office incubators to eradicate middleman;
- Health awareness campaigns;
- An awareness programme on workplace harassment with the Women Development Ministry;
- Social awareness through theatre performances;
- Technology upgrades in rural areas; and
- Trainings on organic farming.

11. Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women for Human Rights, Single Women Group (WHR) is registered as a NGO in Kathmandu, Nepal, with the aim to uplift the status of the widows. WHR has a membership base of 100,000 widows mostly under the age of 45 who are organized in 1,500 Village Development Committees and spread across 73 districts of Nepal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHR's aim is to reclaim the dignity of widows. It carries out its aims by providing loans to widows to set up their own small scale enterprises; giving scholarships to widows' children; and lobbying and advocating to mainstream the issues of widows into the development agendas of the government.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization was registered as a charitable organization in the United States of America in 2014 under the name One International Chapter.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization actively worked as a member in the high level committee of the National Action Plan (NAP) implementation of the government, where it succeeded in incorporating issues of single women. It filed petition to the Ministry of Law and Justice demanding a new act endorsing 10% of the children income to be directly entitled by older parents. A working committee has been formed under the ministry for further action. The organization participated as a network member in the Completion of Beijing+20 National Women Conference in Nepal, 20-22 August 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 56th, 57th and 58th session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW), 26 February-7 March 2012, 4-14 March 2013, 10-17 March 2014, New York and submitted joint written statements in all three sessions and an oral statement during the 58th session. WHR also participated in the 53rd session of the International Covenant on Economic. Social and Cultural Rights, 17-19 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHR advocated for the rights of widows in Nepal in cooperation with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), 2011-2013. It received support from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) South Asia for evolving replicable, rights-based strategies for empowering widows through setting up social laboratories across India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, 2011-2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported the primary education of 1,000 children of widows living under poverty below 15 years of age and the higher education for 50 young widows under the age of 25. It also assisted in providing funds from the local government for capacity building and skills development trainings in 60 single women groups from 60 districts. Spaces for single women were built in 16 districts to provide different skill development training and legal counselling.

12. Women Founders Collective

Special, 2011

Introduction

Women Founders Collective operates on an international level to connect, assist, sustain and mentor women who have founded or seek to start non-governmental charitable, educational, civic, benevolent, social service or health service organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

By way of workshops, interface on its website, Facebook page and face-to-face meetings, Women Founders Collective offers a global support network for women founders and prospective founders of NGOs. Women founders involved with Women Founders Collective create connections that can result in increased self-esteem and greater self-confidence in the functioning of the woman founder and thus have a positive impact on each woman's organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Women Founders Collective disseminates information from United Nations agencies to women founders in its network and encourages these women to attend United Nations meetings and conferences. Women Founders Collective has provided women founders in its network with many opportunities to become involved in the work of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Women Founders Collective participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period and organized informal gatherings with current and prospective women founders during each of the sessions. The organization also attended mental health caucuses, side-events during United Nations meetings, caucuses from various countries and has taken part in the International Women's Day.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDG 3, Women Founders Collective organized and served on panels in the following two events sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): "Ageing Women," 26-27 August 2013, New Delhi, India; and "Unified Voice for Gender Equality," 9 December 2014, New Delhi.

13. Women's Action Group

Special, 1999

Introduction

Women's Action Group (WAG) is a NGO based in Harare, Zimbabwe, that focuses on empowering women and girls to enjoy their rights in violence free and rights conscious communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to develop products and tools for unlocking women's power to claim and enjoy their rights in violence free and rights conscious communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WAG contributes through implementation of its programmes, mainly on sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender based violence, and HIV/AIDS. WAG is implementing the He for She Campaign, initiated by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), through which WAG is mobilising men to stand up in support of women's rights. WAG collaborated with other organizations in preparing the Zimbabwe Civil Society Shadow report to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee in 2012. WAG played a critical role in ensuring that the new constitution of Zimbabwe included gender equality and women's rights provisions in collaboration with the Group of 20, 2009-2013. In the area of HIV/AIDS, WAG continues to advocate for female condoms and to ensure women's access anti-retroviral therapy. WAG provided inputs in the formulation of the Zimbabwe HIV and AIDS Strategy for 2011-2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 55th, 56th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2011, 2012 and 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WAG receives funding from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UN Women and the United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA) to implement its programmes. WAG has also participated in United Nations events — the 2013 United Nations Day for example — and collaborated with United Nations agencies in those meetings.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organisation contributed to the MDGs 3, 4, 5 and 6 through meetings held at the community level and national advocacy. The organisation commemorated the following United Nations International Days and campaign annually:

- World Population Day in partnership with UNFPA in Harare;
- International World AIDS Days annually in partnership with the Zimbabwe National AIDS Council; and
- 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, 25 November-10 December.

14. Women's Human Rights International Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

Women's Human Rights International Association (WHRIA) is a NGO based in Paris, France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

No information was specified.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WHRIA organized a meeting with Member of the European Parliament Ms. Edit Bauer on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Strasbourg, France, 16 November 2011. It co-sponsored a big meeting with the International Federation of Women against Fundamentalism for Equality (WAFE), 10 March 2012. It participated in the second plenary session of Millennia2015, An action plan for women's empowerment, 3 December 2012, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WHRIA representatives attended the following meetings, among others:

- All but the 17th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, and submitted joint and individual written statements, made interventions on various items, and held joint parallel events;
- 20th session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, 2014;

- 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, during which it organized joint side-events; and
- 51st session of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHRIA has prepared and delivered materials to the following United Nations Special Rapporteurs to be used for their respective reports: Special Rapporteur on torture, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WHRIA's goals are in line with and support MDG 3.

15. Women's International Zionist Organization

Special, 1959

Introduction

The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) was founded as a voluntary international social movement in 1920, in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It counts over 250,000 members in 50 Federations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The WIZO movement is committed to increase equality in all fields and on all levels of society. Through its many projects, WIZO enables every member of society receiving its services, to obtain the tools and skills they need to achieve equal opportunities to better their lives, thus helping to reduce gaps and differences. These projects include providing equal education; eliminating illiteracy and computer ignorance amongst adults; combatting violence against women, children and youth; and advancing the status of women in legislation and through practical measures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WIZO shares its professional know-how, expertise and experience and is constantly adapted to the ever changing reality. WIZO representatives are active participants in all United Nations committees and conferences they attend.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WIZO attends the weekly United Nations Department of Information (DPI) briefings in New York. WIZO also attends the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) annually, New York, and is a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York, Geneva and Vienna, Austria. It attends the sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland and the meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) to which the NGOs are invited.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WIZO's core goals support MDGs 2 and 3 as it sees them as essential steps to combating poverty and illiteracy. WIZO empowers woman by providing them with the necessary skills and tools to advance in their careers and engage in positions in all levels of government. In Latin America, WIZO assists the poor and the elderly and provides education to the very poor population living in remote communities.

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1. Working Women Association

Special, 2011

Introduction

Working Women Association (WWA) was established in 1991 in Khartoum, Sudan. WWA's membership includes women working in the public, private and informal sectors. It works in all Sudanese States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WWA's main goal is to promote the status of women in general and working women in particular. WWA endeavours to achieve the following objectives: raise economic and social status of working women through initiatives to increase production; ensure the adoption of decent work standards among working women in Sudan; adopt social integration projects; training and development of working women; promote women's rights and protection; and build stakeholders' capacity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WWA led the advocacy campaign to ensure legal reform of laws related to working women in the civic and private sector. Further, WWA conducted resettlement programmes for 1,000 IDPs families affected by the war in Kordufan and Darfur States of Sudan. WWA contributed to rural women's development through production and dissemination of models of small scale industries and secure means of microfinance. In that regard, WWA has enabled 44,000 working woman to obtain loans.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WWA attended the Economic and Social Council's substantive session in 2012, Geneva, Switzerland. WWA attended the 57th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 4-15 March 2013 and 10-21 March 2014, New York. WWA presented a panel and a written statement on combating violence against women at the workplace during the 57th session and co-sponsored a joint statement to promote a global development strategy based on human rights during the 58th session. WWA attended the 22nd and 27th session of the Human Rights Council, 9-26 September 2014, during which it presented a written and oral statement.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WWA endeavours to maintain decent work's standards and to achieve equality between women and men in the workplace. It participated in the World Day against child labour on 12 June 2013. It participated in the International Labour Day on

1 May 2012 and 2013 in Khartoum in collaboration with the concerned authority and the International Labour Organization (ILO). WWA celebrated the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April 2013.

2. World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations

Special, 1947

Introduction

The World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (World Alliance), based in Geneva, Switzerland, is a confederation of National Councils of Young Men's Christian Associations (YMCAs) around the world. It counts 11,200 YMCA branches worldwide, reaching 58 million people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Alliance strengthens the capacity of National YMCA Movements; advocates globally on issues affecting young people; represents the YMCA at the global level; and develops programmes to promote youth leadership.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World Alliance attends United Nations meetings in Geneva; Paris, France; Bonn, Germany; and New York. The organization spoke on behalf of world youth organizations at the High-level Meeting on Youth, July 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- United Nations General Assembly, 2011 and 2013;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- 50th and 51st session of the Commission for Social Development (CSoD), 2012 and 2013, New York, and spoke during the 51st session;
- International Labour Conference on Youth Employment Crisis, 2012; and
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP), 2013 and 2014, Warsaw, Poland, and Lima, Peru.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the following organizations, among others:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in implementing the "One Million Voices" research project;
- International Labour Organization (ILO) on youth employment issues;

– United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on global campaigns focusing on youth empowerment, mobilising more than 500,000 people.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has developed programmes related to MDG 6 in over 40 countries. In total, more than 13 million people benefit from YMCA programmes on health related issues including maternal health and prevention of diseases with special emphasis on sport related activities. 357,000 people benefit from the World Alliance's employment related programmes every year, towards goal 1. The organization has also engaged its membership toward goal 7, by sharing best practices on environment sustainability and education for environment preservation.

3. World Blind Union

General, 1999

Introduction

The World Blind Union (WBU) is the internationally recognized voice of the blind and partially sighted persons at the global level. It represents 285 million blind and partially sighted persons in approximately 190 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WBU's vision is a community where people who are blind or partially sighted are empowered to participate on an equal basis in any aspect of life they choose. This is achieved through work in the areas of representation and human rights, capacity building, accessibility and resource sharing and collaboration.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World Blind Union focuses on the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including by assisting WBU members to understand and participate in the CRPD implementation and monitoring processes. It delivered statements to the Economic and Social Council High-level Segment in 2011, 2012 and 2013. WBU made a submission to the 9th Session of the CRPD Committee for their general discussion on women and girls with disabilities, April 2013. As a core member of International Disability Alliance (IDA), WBU also contributes to numerous reports and statements of United Nations agencies and treaty bodies to ensure that the needs of blind persons are reflected.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WBU Delegations attended the following meetings, among others:

- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Conferences of State Parties of the CRPD, September 2011, September 2012, July 2013, and June 2014, New York;
- High-level Meeting on Disability and Development, September 2013;
- High-level Summit on Millennium Development Goals, September 2013; and
- 52nd Commission on Social Development (CSoD), February 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the following entities, among others:

- World Health Organization (WHO) on the promotion of new community-based rehabilitation guidelines and the World Disability Report;
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the Global Partnership for Children with Disabilities initiative;
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
- International Labour Organization (ILO); and
- International Standards Organization (ISO): The WBU has been involved in the development of numerous standards of importance to blind and partially sighted persons.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WBU participated in the Education for All Visually Impaired Children (EFAVI) initiative in cooperation with International Council on Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI). WBU was also very active in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda.

4. World Coal Association

Special, 1991

Introduction

The World Coal Association, based in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is the global industry association for coal producers and stakeholders.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Coal Association and its member companies engage constructively and openly with governments, the scientific community, multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations, media, coal producers and users, and others on global issues, such as CO2 emissions reduction and sustainable development, and on local issues including environmental and socio-economic benefits and the effects from coal mining and coal use.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World Coal Association supports global efforts to address the joint global actions to address climate change and sustainable development. The organization takes the view that an effective and sustainable climate response must integrate environmental imperatives with the legitimate aims of energy security and economic development, including poverty alleviation. These issues are inextricably linked. The world's least developed countries need access to low cost energy, but they are also the most vulnerable to the impacts of policies aimed at reducing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the World Coal Association attended each session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. It also attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The World Coal Association actively participated in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda.

5. World Council for Psychotherapy

Special, 2003

Introduction

The World Council for Psychotherapy is a worldwide membership organization that focuses on improving the mental health and well-being of people through the use of various forms of psychotherapy to reduce emotional suffering.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports grassroots efforts to ameliorate emotional trauma caused by environmental disasters, wars, conflicts, and human indignities. The main interventions include emotional disaster recovery, mental health workshops and trainings, individual and group interventions, education, and social policy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed in the following ways:

- Its advocacy efforts were crucial in the inclusion of "promote mental health and well-being" in target 3.4 of the SDGs in the Agenda 2030.
- It was influential in the development of the first-ever mental health law in China that became valid on 1 May 2013.
- It presented a Symposium at the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention in 2014 on "Environmental Protection, Climate Change, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals".
- It co-sponsored side events at United Nations Commissions, as well as a Forum at the United Nations entitled "Eradicating stigma & promoting psychosocial wellbeing, mental health and resilience in the Ebola epidemic through policies and practices to protect the global community", 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization regularly attends United Nations activities, conferences and briefings in New York. The organization made an oral presentation at the 4th Interactive Dialogue on Harmony with Nature, April 2014, New York. It co-sponsored statements submitted to the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the International Day of the Cultures of Peace, and the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on Disability and Development, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has an ongoing project in Haiti, related to poverty eradication and building mental health resources and capacity, in cooperation with the University of Notre Dame of Haiti. It completed another project on entrepreneurship and life skills education for girls' empowerment and HIV/ADIS education in Lesotho with partners in 2013. It undertook several other projects with the ECOSOC-accredited NGO "Voices of African Mothers", addressing the MDGs.

6. World Federation for Mental Health

Special, 1963

Introduction

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) was founded in 1948 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It has a broad membership of mental health organizations and individuals, including professionals of many health disciplines, consumers of mental health services, family members, and concerned individuals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to prevent or reduce the risk of mental illness as far as possible; to advocate for improved care and treatment of those with mental disorders; and to promote mental health. Its main activities include advocacy, public education, and scientific activities. It regularly organizes international conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The WFMH draws attention to the high prevalence and cost burden of mental disorders and the failure to provide adequately for mental illness in health budgets. The Federation advocates for improved mental health care, the integration of mental and physical health care in treatment plans, and mental health promotion.

The Federation founded World Mental Health Day in 1992 as a vehicle for global advocacy. It is widely observed each year with programmes and events in many settings and countries, including many low-income countries. The themes during the reporting period were "The Great Push: Investing in Mental Health", 2011; "Depression: A Global Crisis", 2012; "Mental Health and Older People", 2013; and "Living with Schizophrenia", 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WFMH representatives attended all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period and arranged side events at every session. It also attended the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, 19-20 September 2011, and submitted a statement on mental health as an important non-communicable disease, signed by 68 organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The World Federation for Mental Health has official relations and frequently consults with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Advocacy for mental health supports all of the Millennium Development Goals, especially goals 1, 3 and 5.

7. World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

Special, 1983

Introduction

The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (The World Federation) is a sisterhood of 3.5 million members in 71 countries. It provides a global network for sharing information on activities with its constituencies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to be a support group for women in their spiritual growth and in activities to promote justice, peace and development. It facilitates and encourages leadership training especially for women. Study Programs on MDGs are developed yearly by each of the nine geographical areas of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World Federation attended meetings of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile, and Brasilia, Brazil. The organization is also involved in the work of the United Nations in New York and has organized 7 forums on human trafficking and 4 worship services there during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The World Federation participated in the following meetings, among others:

- all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and collaborated in the preparation of oral statements and organization of side and parallel events during CSW 56, 57 and 58;
- 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2014;
- 64th Annual United Nations/Department of Public Information (DPI) Conference, 2011, for which it served on the Committee;
- Fifth and Sixth session of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD); and
- High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, 3-4 October 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Organization collaborates with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and DPI. In 2014, the organization received the 70th Anniversary award from the United Nations Association of the United States of America's (UNA-USA) Mary-Frances Wain for its role as an educator and advocate for the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the MDGs:

- Agricultural Project: women raised fruit trees and produced jams from the fruits and vegetables they grew;
- It partnered with a small charity, "Children Unite", who campaigned on behalf of child domestic workers around the world;

- It held workshops worldwide on gender equality and maternal health;
- The organization's "Thursdays in Black" has been an important movement to protest against all forms of violence against women and girls; and
- Activities during United Nations Day and International Women's Day.

8. World Federation of the Deaf

Special, 1959

Introduction

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international NGO comprised of 134 members from all continents. The WFD is a member of the International Disability Alliance (IDA).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Federation of the Deaf promotes and advances the human rights of deaf people through cooperation with the United Nations and its agencies, national organizations of deaf people, and other partners. Its work is conducted in accordance with the United Nations human rights instruments, especially the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The WFD has empowered national associations of the deaf to strengthen advocacy work in their countries. In 2011-2012, a capacity-building training project was conducted in Western and Central Africa for 19 countries. In 2013-2014, national associations of the deaf in four developing countries were trained to contribute to the CRPD parallel reporting process, in collaboration with other organizations of persons with disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th session of the CRPD, Geneva, Switzerland, 11-15 April 2011, 15-19 April 2013, 2-5 September 2013, 31 March-3, April 2014, and 15-19 September 2014 and submitted statements during the 11th and 12th session;
- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD, New York, 7-9 September 2011, 12-14 September 2012, 17-19 July 2013, and 10-12 June 2014 and delivered a statement during the 7th session;
- United Nations High-level Meeting on Development and Disability, New York, 23 September 2013; and

– United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities Forum and Youth Council meetings, New York, 24 September 2013, 9 July and 24 September 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The WFD has lobbied for better accessibility in terms of qualified International Sign interpreting, particularly for events related to the CRPD. The WFD has recommended suitable International Sign and national sign language interpreters for the United Nations. It provided submissions to various United Nations entities, including the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the CRPD.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Advocacy work done by the IDA related to the MDGs has been supported by the WFD.

Additional Information

The United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights was awarded to WFD, 10 December 2013.

9. World Futures Studies Federation

Special, 1987

Introduction

The World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF) is an independent global NGO focused on strengthening the scholarship of futures research, founded in 1973. WFSF operates as an association of academics, researchers, teachers, practitioners, policy analysts, students and futures-focused institutions. WFSF offers a forum for stimulation, exploration and exchange of ideas, visions, and plans for alternative futures, through long-term, big-picture thinking and radical change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to encourage and promote the development of futures studies as a transdisciplinary academic and professional field. It undertakes further studies of the future as a field of intellectual and cultural activity concerning all sectors of society; encourages innovative interdisciplinary analysis and critical thinking among all people and cultures; promotes a higher level of futures consciousness in general; encourages democratization of future-oriented thinking and acting; stimulates awareness of the urgent need for futures studies in governments and international organizations and other decision-making and educational groups and institutions so as to resolve problems at local, national, regional and global levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WFSF contributes to the work of the United Nations through the diversity of its membership, its encouragement of women and young people, the pluralism of its values, and its commitment to the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WFSF attended several meetings of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WFSF has consultative status with UNESCO and cooperates with the organization through the Participation Program, 2012-2015. In that context, it developed online learning content and procedures, and ran three pilot futures courses in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo; Cairo, Egypt; and Penang, Malaysia, through its World Futures Learning Lab (LEALA). It is also in an informal cooperation with UN Teamworks of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as a social network for its participants in the LEALA projects.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's courses and workshops supported by the UNESCO Participation Program are strongly supportive of the MDGs. It is particularly focused on gender equality and participation of women, environmental sustainability, and on building partnerships with some of the least developed countries.

10. World Jurist Association of the World Peace through Law Center

Special, 1967

Introduction

The World Jurist Association of the World Peace Through Law Center (WJA) was founded in 1963 in response to an international outcry for a free and open forum where judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world could work cooperatively to strengthen and expand the Rule of Law and its institutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's goal remains to raise support for institutions of law and provide a unique, dynamic and open forum for legal professionals to share their experiences, exchange ideas, and learn from their colleagues regarding the rule of law and its use to promote world peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works to further the mission of the United Nations and increase awareness for the role that the organization plays in promoting Rule of Law and world peace. Each year, the WJA holds at least two legal conferences, and every two years a Biennial Congress. These conferences and Congresses bring together its members and other lawmakers and legal professional for a week-long dialogue on a wide range of legal perspectives in seeking to promote world peace through the strengthening of the Rule of Law. The 23rd Biennial Congress in 2011 on National Legal Cultures in a Globalized World, held in Prague, Czech Republic, focused on "International Drug Trafficking".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The WJA has attended several meetings during the reporting period, including the United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Thursday Briefing and a United Nations High-level Meeting held in 2014. The organization also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the WJA took up key issues that are closely tied to the success of the MDGs, including climate change, conflict resolution, promoting gender equality and empowering women, and global partnership for development through its intellectual property law conference held in China.

11. World Lebanese Cultural Union

Special, 2011

Introduction

The World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU) is an international non-profit, non-political and non-religious organization. It is represented by chapters and affiliated clubs in more than 34 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The WLCU aims to promote the Lebanese culture throughout the world and encourage mutual cultural exchange between its members and the host countries; spread an environment of peace and understanding in conformity with the United Nations Charter; and support the MDGs, in particular education, eradication of poverty and women's rights issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The WLCU has participated in all the United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Annual Conferences and most of the DPI/NGO Thursday Briefings and other briefings related to worldwide problems such as global warming, or freedom of the press. The WLCU also participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The WLCU cooperates with the United Nations Information Centre New York and has attended a few meetings with DPI's Outreach Division.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The WLCU offers scholarships to students and continuously help the elderly in many ways and in many regions.

12. World Muslim Congress

General, 1967

Introduction

The World Muslim Congress (WMC) is the oldest international Muslim organization, founded in 1926. It promotes the United Nations Charter and works for the world peace on the basis of universal brotherhood, promotion of human rights, and inter-faith dialogue. It has a number of branches throughout the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Muslim Congress strives for inter-faith cooperation, in order to create an atmosphere of tolerance, and conflict resolution, especially on the basis of religious differences, through education and social awareness.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WMC promotes the objectives of the United Nations throughout the world by networking with the United Nations system as well as other NGOs. The General Council Meeting of WMC was held on 13-14 November 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It took note of the demonstrations throughout the Western world against the negative effects of the capitalistic and exploitative economic system and called for egalitarian global economic policies. WMC participated in the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), 18-19 June 2014, and reiterated its commitment to the objectives and principles of the United

Nations Charter and the OIC as well as the need to strengthen the bonds of humanity and solidarity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WMC actively participated at the United Nations Headquarters throughout the reporting period. It attended all the meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as meetings in Vienna, Austria. It took part in meetings of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

World Muslim Congress promotes the MDGs through its monthly International Magazine, consultative meetings and contacts. It provides scholarships to students from almost fifteen developing countries of Central Asia, China, Africa and South East Asia.

13. World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP) is a global organization of self-identified users and survivors of psychiatry and persons with psychosocial disabilities. WNUSP is a Disabled People's Organization (DPO) with a global democratic structure. It is a member of the International Disability Alliance (IDA).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the organization is to be a global forum and voice of users and survivors of psychiatry in order to promote their rights and interests. To achieve its purpose, the organization aims to advocate for the advancement of human rights of users and survivors of psychiatry; provide international representation and consultation to influence matters that affect users and survivors; encourage the development of national user/survivor organizations in each country; and facilitate effective information exchange among these organizations around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed materials to the "Stop Torture in Health Care" campaign initiated by Open Society Institute, 2012. It submitted amicus briefs to the European Court of Human Rights in the cases Mihailovs v. Latvia, Application

No. 35939/10, 13 February 2012, and Koroviny v Russia, Application No. 31974/11, 18 March 2013, drawing attention to the standards of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It conducted capacity building activities with WNUSP members on understanding the CRPD and participating in monitoring and implementation, through the Technical Resource Group established in 2013 and bilateral cooperation among members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- 10th, 11th, and 12th session of the CRPD, Geneva, Switzerland, 2-13 September 2013, 31 March-11 April 2014 and 15 September-3 October 2014. Representatives intervened in open meetings during each session, and in NGO briefings. It convened thematic briefings and submitted written comments to the consultation on draft General Comment No. 1 on Article 12 in 2011 and 2014.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd meetings of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in Vienna (UNODC), 31 January-3 February 2012, Vienna, Austria; 11-13 December 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Vienna 25-28 March 2014.
- WNUSP convened a public side event at the 25th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, called "Ending Impunity for Torture in Psychiatry," 14 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization provided speakers for various meetings of United Nations entities. It submitted comments to the World Health Organization (WHO) on its Zero Draft Global Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020, 7 November 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization distributed a paper entitled "Human Rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities in the post 2015 Inclusive Development Agenda: Towards HLMDD", September 2013".

14. World Organization of Building Officials

Special, 1987

Introduction

The World Organization of Building Officials (WOBO) was founded in 1984 to satisfy a number of needs, specifically the need for an organization of building officials to deal with issues on a global scale.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of WOBO is to provide a world organization for building officials and code administrators which would be associated with the United Nations. In

particular, it aims to: promote communication and exchange of information internationally; promote the concept of international standards and building codes for construction, materials, equipment and appliances; promote safeguards from potential hazards; recommend solutions for preventing fire risks to existing and under construction buildings; promote the concept of standardizing construction materials and equipment; promote unification of legislation related to the administration of codes and standards; collaborate with international organizations, governments and educational institutes to promote the development of training programmes for building officials; and encourage/establish a national organization for building officials and advisory committees.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WOBO attended the following meetings:

- 2011 City Escape, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates;
- 2011 Japan Conference of Building Administration Annual Meeting, and delivered a presentation on "Improving Customer Service at Development Service Department; and
- International Code Council (ICC) Global Membership Council Annual Meeting, October 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WOBO attended the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)/World Urban Forum Six (WUF-6) in September 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WOBO attended the following meetings in support of the MDGS:

- 4th Annual Ultra High Rise Building Summit, Shanghai, China, 2011;
- ICC's International Forum, during which the organization delivered a discussing WOBO's contribution to building safety, Phoenix, Arizona, United States of America, 2011;
- 2011 World Future Energy Summit; and
- The Egyptian Green Building Council Meetings in Cairo, Egypt 2013.

In addition, WOBO participated in funding the installation of an irrigation well in Kenya, August 2013.

15. World Rehabilitation Fund

Special, 2003

Introduction

The World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF) was established in 1955 to facilitate full participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWD) in society and development. With headquarters in New York, United States of America, WRF currently operates in five other countries: Lebanon, Mozambique, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, and Dominican Republic.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WRF's mission is to enable individuals around the world with functional limitations and participation restrictions to achieve community and social integration through physical and socio-economic rehabilitation and advocacy. Some of the activities undertaken include: developing community-based programmes for physical, psychological, and socio-economic rehabilitation and reintegration; upgrading skills of rehabilitation service providers; collaborating with industry and local professionals to create employment and income-generating opportunities; and training rehabilitation professionals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization's work focused mainly on Lebanon, Cambodia, Haiti, and Philippines, with a continued partnership in Pakistan. After the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010, WRF partnered with local partners to provide artificial limbs and braces for PWDs and train Haitian technicians. During the reporting period, the programme has provided over 1,100 devices. Partnering with the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine, WRF provided rehabilitation medicine supplies and equipment to three hospitals in the Tacloban region affected by Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines, 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2014, the organization participated in the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference; the Seventh Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD); and 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In response to the war in the Syrian Arab Republic, WRF has addressed critical needs through its Emergency Assistance Program for PWD for refugees from the Syrian Arab Republic and in Lebanese Host Communities with support from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Through this programme the organization provided 153 prosthetics and

225 orthotics and rehabilitation services to PWDs, as well as 185 hearing aids and 290 prescription eyeglasses to children refugees.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities contribute to several of the MDGs. For example, the organization's "Artisans' Association of Cambodia (AAC)" is a fair trade association that enables Cambodia's most vulnerable people, including PWDs, women, single parents, migrants, and vulnerable youth, to achieve socio-economic independence, through provision of trainings and technical assistance and other services. In addition, the organization's "Music for Haiti" project supports music education in a school for children with disabilities in Haiti.